

OUIDA DIES IN WANT AFTER FAMOUS CAREER AND LIFE IN PLENTY

Novelist Breathes Last
in Home of Her Faith-
ful Maid.

Spent Recent Years
Dreaming of Realization
of Visions of Youth.

ROME, Jan. 25.—Miss Louisa de La Rame, "Ouida," famous novelist, died last night in the home of her faithful maid, Isolina Cervelli, near Florence, Italy, after a brief illness.

Her death was due mainly to old age, although it was hastened by the privations which she had been compelled to undergo in recent years and which had brought on heart disease. Until the very end she shared her food with her faithful dogs, and refused to accept any financial assistance from the many friends who desired to aid her when they learned of her distress.

She is reported that in the delirium preceding her demise, the aged writer repeated again and again, the second last chapter of her masterpiece, "Under Two Flags."

Dreams of Realization.

"Ouida," who took the celebrated nom de plume from her own babyhood, is said to have lived the whole of her later life in dreams of a personal realization of the events she transcribed from her own early days to incorporate in "Under Two Flags."

Her early life is enveloped in much mystery. It is known, however, that she was born in England in the early forties, the daughter of a wandering clergyman, who took her with him upon all his journeys into strange countries, particularly Northern Africa.

There, it is said, she met the Marquis of Tuscany, who fell in love with her under circumstances which she colored into the wooing of the outcast English lord, "Bertie Cecil," and the English woman in Africa.

"Ouida's" own love affair came to a sorry termination. She fled from the marquis, went to England, and began the production of the extraordinary series of novels that made her for nearly half a century one of the foremost writers of the world.

Book Creates Stir.

Her first book, "Held in Bondage," created a stir in England, but when the United States publisher (Lippincott) brought it to America it fell flat, because its title and theme came upon a satiated public—satiated with the bloodshed and carnage of the civil war.

Later, its name changed to "Granville De Vigne," the novel held the title for years as best seller on American stands. In quick succession following came "Chandos," "Strathmore," "Under Two Flags," "Trictrac," "Two Little Wooden Shoes," and scores of others as well or better known.

In the prime of life Ouida thus found herself with an income of several hundred thousand dollars a year, and she spent it riotously, framing for herself in Venice and Florence the scenario of her most voluptuous fictions.

In her declining years, however, she spent so much upon the power and her numerous horses and her party dogs that all her funds became exhausted. For the past five years she lived in poverty. For more than ten years her only subsistence, in a poor villa near Rome, came from an annuity of \$100 donated to her support by the British government.

MISSING COUPLE
BELIEVED FOUND
IN VIRGINIA TOWN

William Luckett, a clerk in the Washington offices of the Southern railway, according to one of his sisters, is in possession of a letter which it is said tells the whereabouts of Powell Brooks and Elizabeth Watkins, both of Alexandria, who are thought by their parents to have eloped about a week ago. Mr. Luckett's sister said last night that a friend of her brother, who is also employed at the Southern railway offices, received a letter from Brooks several days ago, under a Kapitan, Va. postmark. This letter, the girl says, was given to her brother.

The letter which was mailed in Rapidan on Tuesday said to have stated that the couple were married and that they were en route to Norfolk, where they expect to remain for about ten days or more. When seen last night, Mr. Luckett refused to confirm or deny the report that he had received any such letter, or that he knew of the whereabouts of the two young people.

The police of Alexandria had been asked to look out for the couple, and were informed that shortly after receipt of the letter which Luckett is said to have received, the latter telegraphed to the Southern railway agent in Alexandria asking if Brooks and Miss Watkins were there. The police assert they received the reply that the two were there but that they had left for Norfolk.

Elizabeth Watkins stated last night that she had heard the report on a number of sources, but that though her family was making every effort to locate the girl, they had been unable to get a confirmation of the report that she is in Norfolk. The family will take immediate steps this morning toward learning whether or not Miss Watkins and her sweetheart are in Norfolk.

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Principal Novels Written by Ouida

Under Two Flags
Held in Bondage
Chandos
Strathmore
Trictrac
Two Little Wooden Shoes

PEACE IN HOME OF VANDERBILT; WEDDING CAUSE

Cornelius Re-established
at Head of Family After
Rupture Lasting
Many Years.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—An eleven-hour reconciliation, effected only by most strenuous measures at a time when there was deep gloom in the Vanderbilt family, tonight brought the brother of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, the bride-to-be, into harmony with her mother and Count Laszlo Szechenyi. Just when it looked as though discord would mar beyond repair Monday's elaborately planned wedding, all the clouds were cleared away. Cornelius, the eldest son, agreed to his mother's wish that he come back to his rightful place as head of the family, and give away his sister to the Hungarian nobleman. His agreement placed him once more at the head of the masculine Vanderbilt line. His father took that post away from him years ago when he married Miss Grace Wilson.

Alfred, the second son, consented to attend the wedding, bury his unkindness, and greet Count Szechenyi as a brother. Reginald, the third son, who brought about the reconciliation, gladly assented to the giving up of his black satin knickerbockers and Fauntleroy costume he was to have worn as head of the family, and was equally happy in turning over to Cornelius the task of giving Miss Gladys away.

A harmony dinner in the "big house," tonight celebrated the coming together of the clashing elements. Those present were Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, who sat at the head of the table; Cornelius to her right; Alfred, Reginald, Miss Gladys, Count Szechenyi, Count Anton; Gray, the best man; and the Misses Dorothy Whitney and Ruth Twombly, the bridesmaids.

It was a happy, jolly family affair, with more laughter and good feeling to the minute than the Vanderbilt dining room has felt in many a month. All troubles were forgotten, and the atmosphere was made crystalline for Monday's joyous occasion.

The reconciliation included Harry Payne Whitney, too, it was said, who all along has sided with Alfred Vanderbilt in opposing the marriage and refusing to establish cordial relations with Szechenyi. Neither Mr. Whitney nor Alfred intended to be present at the wedding for several reasons.

Reggie Makes Appeal.

A trip to Newport through the blizzard, made by Reggie, and a long brotherly appeal to Alfred on his lonely, snow-covered farm, were the arguments which brought about the second son's capitulation.

It has been an open secret that none of the Vanderbilt boys approved of their sister's choice of a husband. Even before they met Szechenyi they were against him. This feeling increased when they saw him and sized him up. He is by no means the type of man they are.

The date of the wedding, combined with his dislike of Szechenyi, put Alfred on the outs with the affair. Long ago he and Harry Payne Whitney promised that on January 27 they would act as ushers for their warm chum, Frank K. Polk, who is to marry Miss Potter, of Philadelphia, in that city.

When Alfred heard that the date for his sister's wedding had been selected, and was that very day, he asked his mother to change it, telling her of his promise to Polk. But Mrs. Vanderbilt, the elder, is a martinet in family affairs. She refused point blank.

Buried on Farm.

So last week Alfred ran off to the Adirondacks, then to Newport, and buried himself on his farm. He discussed the situation with Harry Payne Whitney, and both decided they would go to Philadelphia Monday instead of attending Miss Gladys's marriage. Whitney had no use for Szechenyi, though the count has been making his home in the Whitney house since the engagement was announced. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney have both avoided him on all possible occasions, and have never

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RACE SUICIDE, SAYS GIBBONS, NATION'S DOOM

In Remarkable Interview
Eminent Prelate Warns
American Wives.

Deplores Growing Ten-
dency of Women to
Compete With Men.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The World this morning prints the following interview with Cardinal James Gibbons at Baltimore on the subject of the duties of motherhood:

"Any woman who instructs her neighbor or friend who is a wife how to avoid the responsibilities of motherhood is taking as great a responsibility and committing as deadly a sin as if she became the accomplice of a murderer. In fact, this sort of thing is murder of the most cowardly kind."

"No doubt many women thoughtlessly discuss this subject with one another. It is not unusual, in all probability, for older women to advise their younger sisters, who are about to assume the relations of wifehood, to not bring children into the world for a few years, but to 'have a good time and travel.' This instruction that has been given the young wife is probably without the knowledge of the husband."

Destroy Happiness.

"Such a wife will, in time, inevitably destroy her own happiness, as well as that of her husband. She may think she is enjoying herself, during the excitement of certain indiscretions and dissipations that seem to fascinate some of the American women within recent years, but the really 'good time' will never come to a wife who establishes herself among this class of women and their masculine associates."

"Physicians and druggists of character are useful citizens, but it is only those without consciences who are the accomplices of that class of women who are determined to defeat the law of nature and the will of God. There are laws in the several States, I understand, prohibiting the sale of articles of prevention that are deadly alike to the moral as well as the physical health of both men and women. These laws appear to be dead letters, as they are not enforced."

"The Social Evil."

"The social evil (I use the term in a more general sense than it is usually applied) is a far greater evil in this country than the drinking habit. It is true that the lower forms of the social evil and intemperance in drinking are allied evils; they go hand in hand. The social evil, in all its phases, is such a delicate subject to handle that it seems impossible to educate the people toward righteous living in this regard."

"We can educate regarding tuberculosis and alcoholism, but the people must, for obvious reasons, remain ignorant upon this most important of all questions now confronting the American people more than ever before. The very existence of the nation depends upon the personal conduct of each man and woman. Both have responsibilities that neither can shirk. Scams living on the part of our people must take the place of frivolous tendencies, if the nation is to thrive and continue to be happy. There is no influence among mortals so powerful for good or evil as the relations between the sexes."

"Does the Catholic Church, through the priesthood, instruct men and women that it is their duty to rear families, your eminence?" the cardinal was asked.

Commonly Called Race Suicide.

"All Catholics are taught in many ways that this is their duty. No woman who attempts to foil the law of nature and of God can be given absolution in the confession. If any man or woman is responsible, in any degree, for the sin that leads to what we commonly call race suicide, they could not avail themselves of the confessional."

Confession is one of the three 'acts of the penitent'—contrition, confession, and satisfaction. The sinner is required to confess each and every mortal sin, in thought, word, and deed, which after diligent examination of his or her conscience has occurred to the memory. To conceal one vitiates the confession. Confession, in order to be fruitful, must be accompanied by contrition and a sincere purpose of amendment. The people cannot be instructed upon this delicate subject; they can be saved only by faith in God, which implies a willingness to be guided by Him and His laws."

Women Smoking Disgusting.

"Your eminence, what do you think of the city ordinance in New York city which has recently passed preventing women from smoking?"

"The thought is too disgusting to discuss, so I must be excused from having anything whatever to say upon such a subject," was the cardinal's answer. Continuing, his eminence said: "The world is governed more by ideals than by laws; it is influenced more by living, concrete models than by abstract principles of virtue."

"Woman is the pattern of virtue, alike to maiden, wife and mother. She exhibits the virginal modesty becoming the maid, the conjugal fidelity and lov-

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Merriment, Mirth, and Laughter Mark Banquet of Gridironers; Toast Presidential Candidates

SOME OF CLUB'S GUESTS AS PORTRAYED ON PROGRAM



Brilliant Gathering Sings
Praises in Jest at
Willard Hotel.

Leaders of Nation's Af-
fairs, at Banquet Board,
Laugh Heartily.

He's after the delegates, all he can get—
La Follette, La Follette, La Follette,
And he'll make everyone think he'll be
resident yet.
La Follette, La Follette, La Follette.
Of course he won't get there by many a
mile.
But he'll raise all the Tophet he can
for a while;
He's plenty of nerve and plenty of bile—
La Follette, La Follette, La Follette!

This is one of the verses they sang at the annual winter dinner of the Gridiron Club in the New Willard last night.

The club gathered around its banquet board a group of Presidential candidates and proceeded to sing them songs about themselves and their opponents, songs that went to the tune of sobby music, songs that spoke of blasted hopes and punctured balloons, songs that whistled in the morning after when the call boy knocks on the door and has forgotten the ice water.

President Enjoys Evening.

Theodore Roosevelt, who was present, enjoyed the evening tremendously. Not being a candidate, it was all good money to him. He was laughing heartily until a burly man staggered into the hall under the weight of a bulk of paper that would have made a mule sick in the legs. But he laughed still more when it was announced that the mass of paper was the President's last renunciation of any determination he might have had to run for a third term.

When it was further announced that the paper had a string tied to it, the Chief Executive nearly had hysterics. Senator Foraker was not present, but, being vaguely rumored as a candidate, they sang to him the following sweet, but merciless, refrain:

It's git out de way, ol' Joe Foraker,
Git out de way, ol' Joe Foraker,
You're too late to come to supper.

Every man in the United States who has been "forced to run" for the White House job, either as a result of his protruding genius or because of the foolish admiration of his friends, had things handed to him that resembled verbal bludgeons, and had his hopes mown down by the rapier of insinuation and the sword of pleasant and tickling venom. It was a campaign night for the club, and the candidates were the victims.

Other Chief Marks.

In addition to the President there were present, as the chief marks, Fairbanks, Cannon, William Jennings Bryan, Judge

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WOMAN ATTACKED BY NEGRO ROBBER; THROWN TO GROUND

Mrs. Margaret Welch
Struggled Bravely With
Her Assailant.

Struggling desperately with a negro assailant who he finally threw her upon the ice, snatching her purse as he did so, Mrs. Margaret A. Welch, of 625 B street southwest, was last night the victim of a robbery as she returned from Center Market to her home. The affair takes its place among a score of other similar robberies of women which have baffled the police and stirred the public for the past six months.

The attack upon Mrs. Welch, as a result of which the robber secured \$3 in change and a \$5 purse, occurred on Seventh street opposite the Smithsonian grounds and about half way between the Center Market and B streets. Several passers-by witnessed her struggle with the man, relates Mrs. Welch, but failed to come to her assistance until her assailant had fled.

Inasmuch as Mrs. Welch struggled with the negro for a moment or more she is enabled to give a fairly accurate description of the man. This description, in the main, is borne out by a little nephew, Bernard Watts, who was

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WAR ON ROADS OF HARRIMAN NOW DECLARED

Attorney General An-
nounces Plans Against
Western Combi-
nation.

Fifteen Defendants In-
clude Harriman, Clark,
Stillman and
Rogers.

THE HARRIMAN SUIT.

What is charged:
Conspiracy in restraint of trade and illegal monopoly of the transportation business of the country between the Missouri river on the East and the Pacific coast south of Portland on the West.

What is demanded:
Dissolution of the combination between the Union and Southern Pacifics and the San Pedro lines.

That ownership by Union Pacific or Oregon Short Line of stock of the Santa Fe, Great Northern, and Northern Pacific be declared illegal.

Who the defendants are:

Union Pacific.
Southern Pacific.
San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake railroad.
Oregon Short Line.
Santa Fe.
Great Northern.
Northern Pacific.
E. H. Harriman.
Jacob H. Schiff.
Otto H. Kahn.
James Stillman.
Henry C. Frick.
Henry H. Rogers.
William A. Clark.
Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, New York.

The long-expected announcement by the Department of Justice of its plans for the prosecution of the Harriman combination of railroads was issued last night.

The statement was prepared by Assistant Attorney General Purdy and C. A. Severance, special counsel for the Government in this case. It sets forth the grounds on which prosecution will be based.

Besides the Union Pacific and its subsidiary corporations, the San Pedro or Clark road, the Southern Pacific, the Santa Fe, and the Hill lines are involved. It is proposed in the equity suit, which will forthwith be filed, to attack the combination of these interests.

Not only are a long list of corporations involved, but the following individual defendants are brought into the case by reason of their alleged complicity in a conspiracy for control of the San Pedro road by E. H. Harriman and Senator Clark: E. H. Harriman, Jacob H. Schiff, Otto H. Kahn, Henry H. Rogers, James Stillman, Henry C. Frick, and William A. Clark.

Government's Statement.

The Government's statement of its case bears out the announcement, heretofore made first by The Times, that the contract for control of the San Pedro road by the Harriman and Clark interests, acting in conjunction, will be the chief reliance of the Government in its effort to secure convictions. The statement opens as follows:

"The Attorney General has directed that a bill in equity be filed to set aside the control by the Union Pacific Railroad Company and its subsidiary corporations of the Southern Pacific and the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake road; also to have declared illegal the ownership by the Union Pacific or the Oregon Short Line of stock in the Santa Fe, the Great Northern, and Northern Pacific, all of said lines being competitors of the Union Pacific."

"The department has arrived at the conclusion that the stock holdings of the Union Pacific and its subsidiary company in the other corporations mentioned above is in direct violation of the Sherman act."

"It appears that a combination was formed in 1881 by E. H. Harriman and certain of his associates, for the purpose of obtaining a monopoly of all transcontinental transportation business."

An outline is then given of the financial operations that were carried on